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CATSKIN MASCOTS.

PUSSY'S HIDE IN GREAT DEMAND WITH THE SUPERSTITIOUS.

Gamblers Believe There Is Great Luck in Catskins - some Bring Fancy Prices, While Others Are Dirt Cheap-A Chicago Dealer Who Knows All About It.

bown dealer in furs in

Are any colors declared off?" "Decidedly so. The greatest virtue lies in those of Stygian blackness—nature's own dyeing. Art is deceiving as well as long, and we call in the dyer to meet this demand. He transforms tabbies, tortoise, gray, Maltese and all other off shades into jet black, Still, as you see, we carry all colors, because tastes will vary, you know. What use do the sporting gentry

find for the pelts?" The orthodox and accepted fashion is that of wearing the skin next to the chest, the hair nestling against the man's epidermis. Must be charming in summer

ty strong hold on people. Seriously, I am telling you the simple truth. know gamblers whose names are familiar to you who would sooner appear up toy takes the cut out pieces in hand on the streets in the decollete garb of an African doko than divest themselves of their precious catskin charm. Why should you be surprised?" added the furrier, who is somewhat of an antiquarian. "The Egyptians worshiped the cat, the animal from which our fefrom adoration of the creature to faith

Oh, Chicago, Chicago, with the What is the matter with you? Why, the practice of wearing the skins is by supply the trade at New Orleans, At-iants, Galveston, San Francisco, Port-land, New York, Baltimore, Philadel-phia and cultured Boston even. My father sold catskins 50 years ago.

millions of good souls devoutly believe

'Are their virtues restricted to the realms of dice and cards alone?" "By no means. All classes of people wear them. Only yesterday a lawwho is said to be in training for a judgeship, hought the finest skip in the collection, paying me \$3 for it. Yes, he said he wanted it for a friend, and be did-his very dearest friend-him-

"What becomes of the old ones, for suppose they finally wear out?" Why, to be sure, tike all things earthly. Their ewners wear out, despite their reputed nine lives. Then they sometimes lose their efficacy. Let a gambler have an uncommon run of ill luck, and he makes a scapegoat of his fetich. With many incantations he consigns it to the flames, for it would never do in the world to let it fall into the hands of another so long as he is living. This would mean the fortune of the new possessor and the irretriev able rain of the other fellow.

"Many gamblers," continued the furrier, "possess several skins, One I know has one for each day of the week, and he is most careful to make no mistake in the wearing of them. His Monday gnard would not avail for Tuesday, and his Saturday wear would eripple his Friday plans. Such blun-ders could only be corrected by boodoo doctors of skill."

'You romance well." "I maintain the truth of all I say. You have your superstitions and I have marks man's home. Its virtues are strong enough to win and hold the affection of woman, and that's more than many men can boast. But I do not de-

What are those black ones worth,

The dyed ones are lower, and I can pick wish to take for his treatment of me you out a good one for about \$1.25 to However, it is terrible. What a punish-\$1.50. Perhaps a gray or spotted one ment for a man of Bonaparte's stamp, would suit you. Here's one a bit off to be obliged to live with an ignorant that I'd sell you for 75 cents. While it may not have the virtue of a prime will not be able to support this annoyblack, it might do well as a starter."

You have no secondhand article?" "Haven't I said that people guard Review. gambler dies no one would touch his leavings, but when a rich or lucky one goes off there's a rush among the fra-ternity for his catakin. It hasn't been his horse while driving down the street. so very long ago that a knight of the A lady belonging to the Society For the so very long ago that a knight of the card table in this city made a journey to New Orleans soled for the purpose of passessing himself of a peculiarly lucky skin left by a gambler who had recently died, and he paid a good round recently died, an steady with us, and prices hold good. Journal. To be sure they are tanned, and well anned too, but the charm lies in preserving intact every hair, which, like those of the head, would seem to be all numbered."-Chicago Tribune.

Has the tarrif on oranberries been in-

CHINESE MOCK MONEY A correspondent of The North China Herald, writing from the interior of Kiangsu province, mentions that one of the industries there is the manufacture of mock money for offering to the dead. Formerly the Chinese burned sham paper money, but in these days of en-lightenment and foreign intercourse the What in the world do you do with natives of Soongkong, Hangchow and those catakins?" inquired a reother places have come to the conclusion that dollars are more handy to the ghosts than clumsy paper money; hence they now, to a great extent, supply their ancestors and departed friends with mock dollars. These are only half the size of real dollars, but there the dead than there is in cheating

> The operation of making this money James and is interesting. First of all there are Deserters from both armies added blocks of tin which are melted down strength and semblance of organization and then poured between boards lined to their operations. Wherever they spwith Chinese paper, and when the upper board is pressed down on the lower were plundered, harassed and mercia thickness of tin remains. This is lessly subjected to every variety of innext cut up into strips 4 inches long, sult and outrage. A remedy was need-one wide and an eighth of an inch ed for this insufferable state of things, thick. Some 10 of these strips are a remedy that should at once strike placed evenly together, one on top of such terror to these miscreants as the ther, and one end is held between would relieve a community already sufceeds to hammer them out till be has sion." Colonel Lynch was the man to 3 teet long and a foot broad and so thin that they are not thicker than the thinnest paper. This is next pasted on common cardboard, which is then cut with a punching machine to the size of half

dollars, and this having been done a , and with two dies, one representing the ly got upon the track of the ensuspectmere impressions of dollars on them, and the money is ready for use. practice of cheating the gods is record- to a tree and hanged or tied to a stake ed in the same journal, but from quite and shot, as is now done under the perpears that districts of the Anhui province have lately been ravaged by an nel Lynch and his followers. epidemic, so that in many places the So far from such a lawless procedure people were unable to attend to the bar- a jury was selected from Lynch's men, then made to deceive the gods by "playing at" New Year's day and pretending that Sept. I was the first day of the and to show cause, if, he could, why he new year. Every preparation for cele- should not be punished. If found

brating the bogus new year was made, such as burning firecrackers and pasting happy sentences in red paper on the The object was to make the god mistake in the seasons and had erred in bringing an epidemic on the people at a time when no epidemics in the course of nature should appear. As any action contrary to nature done by the gods is liable to punishment by the king of heaven, the actors in this farce thought that the god of sickness would gather his evil spirits back to him for fear of the displeasure of his superior divinity. This child's play received the permis-

sion and co-operation of the local authorities. - London Times. They select a stake of dry, soft wood about as thick as a man's wrist. From this they slice off a few chips in one place, so as to make a flat surface for rubbing. The stake is then placed on the ground in front of the operator, who sits at one end of it and holds it firmly between his toes. He then takes a piece of hard wood, shaped like pencil, and holding it with both hands begins rubbing up and down the flat surface of the stake. A groove is soon formed in the stake and a dark colored dust, which is pushed to the end of the groove. By and by this dust begins to smolder. Next a piece of dried touchwood is applied and blown np until it glows. In this way, and with perfectly dried wood, a native will produce fire in something less than a minute. But the art is not easily learned, and a European who lived on the island for some time says that although he had tried until his shoulder ached he was never able to produce more than smoke. - New York World.

A curious anecdote, of which we may say, St non e vero e ben trovato companion from the beginning. Away is illustrative of the disposition of Tal-back in the orient the cat's presence leyrand. It was resolved that each of the allied powers should designate a commissioner charged with the surveillance of Napoleon at St. Helena.

Tafleyrand proposed to the king for this office M. de Montchenn, described "What are those black ones worth, as "an issupportable babbler, a com-anyway?" demanded the reporter, feel-ing in his pockets. replied: "It is the only revenge which I ance. It will make him ill, and he will die of it by slow degrees."-Edinburgh

He Had None

A Scandinavian fish peddler, unfamil-

I heard a good story the other day about a matrimonial agency. An elderly men had three daughters, who ruled him with a rod of iron. Weary of their

His Loftiness, the Emir of Nupe has sent er aved or reduced? The State of New Queen Victoria a fine large lion for a Christ- confined in a castle near Munich and a mili- known as the United States Smatter fro

ORIGIN OF LYNCH LAW. It Began In Virginia and Was Neither Vic-

Lynch law had its origin in Virginia. according to the conclusions of a gentleman who has been investigating the early history of that state. It was not mob law, as it is now understood. It was orderly, methodical and fair in its processes and was strongly opposed to violence or mob rule. Its distinctive feature was simply that its decrees and findings were executed sternly and ewiftly upon the spot of their delivery. Charles Lynch, whose name is asso-

ciated with the summary proceeding the war ended took up his resider of people call for 'em, but they are in demand chiefly among gamblers—a very superstitious class—who wear 'em for good luck."

the living. Besides the deceased are not supposed to know the difference, for many of them parted this life before upon the defenseless people extended from the lower parts of North Carolina. A hundred mock carolus dollars, done and Virginia to the passes of the Blue up in boxes, are sold for 34 cash. Ridge and the beadwaters of the peared the terror stricken inhabitants agers, when the workman pro- fering from the effects of hostile invathem so fine that they are now take the lead in such an emergency. He succeeded in organizing a body of patriotic citizens, men of known char-

actor and standing. Having laid his plans before them and securing their approval, he at once ing enemy, captured many and caused the others to fice from the country. When any of these outlaws fell into Another very curious instance of the his bands, they were not taken at once

> over which he presided as judge. The captives were tried separately, the sccosed allowed to make his own defense guilte the punishment was inflicted on the sec. The general impression has been that in all cases of lynch law the penalty was death. This is a mistake. A writer who knew Colonel Lynch well was assured by him that he never will-ingly condemned a criminal to capital punishment: that prisoners were frequently let off with a severe flogging and then liberated on condition that they would leave the country.-New York Herald.

In one account of Rome, the author mentions five or six slabs of elastic marble as being in the possession of the Prince Borghese. Being set on end, they bend backward and forward; when laid horizontally and raised at end, they form a curve; if placed on a table and a piece of wood or any other substance is laid under them, they fall into table. The Abbe Fortis was told that they were dug up near the town of Mondragon in the kingdom of Naples. The grain is like that of fine Carrara mar-They seem to have suffered some attack fire. A slab of marble similar in every respect to those described and highly polished has been exhibited for more than 25 years at the British museum. M. Fleuvian de Belvae succeeded in making common granular limeflexible, by exposing it to a certain degree of heat. In Lincoln cathedral, England, there is an arch built of white marble which is quite elastic, yielding to a heavy tread and returning or rebounding to its original position on true elastic principles. - Brooklyn Eagle.

The great attraction of Kamakura, Dafbutsu, or great bronze Buddha. We at a distance of some 200 feet. It is a sitting figure, 49 feet 7 inches high, 97 feet 3 inches in circumference. The face is 8 feet 5 inches long and from ear to car 17 feet 9 inches wide. The eyes, which are pure gold, are nearly 2 feet long. The circumference of the thumb is 3 feet. These figures give some idea of the size, and the figure is elevated on a stone platform some 12 to 15 feet above the person approaching But no description can convey an idea of the majesty of the face. It is bent gently forward as if in brooding contemplation of the infinite. It represents perfect peace—the repose of the attained Nirvana.—Boston Herald.

A Curious Procession

at Brussels. One part of the display consisted of a car containing an organ blayed by a bear. There were no pipes to the instrument, but a number of cats, each inclosed in a narrow cage, answered the purpose. They were so arranged that when the bear touched the keys of the organ the cats' tails were pulled, and the result was anything but hoice music, to say nothing of the crus elty thus practiced on the poor ani-mals.—Brussels Correspondent.

A 2 Sfeed Star. Now the political equality clubs are are college graduates. busy sewing on to their equal suffrage flags a second star for Colorado, besides When a clumsy man has stepped on a lady's trailing skirt, before he begins to apologize he should always get off the daughters! The star for Kansas, to be added next the star for Kansas, to be added next to be added next to apologize he should always get off the daughters! fall. - Woman's Journal.

King Oco, the mad King of Bavaria, is the Distric of Columbia,

LINES TO A CYNIC.

He daily tred the ways of busy men, Silent, serence and in the city's mart. They often marked his placid features, when They could not read the anguish in his heart. Inscrutable, and grave of mien, to all Save me he seemed a man of markle

wrought,
But I, I knew his calm was but a pall
Wherewith to shroud the skeleton of
thought.
Was not his secret writ upon his brow.
In one sharp symbol, pitifully plain?
That furrow was not turned by Time's dull

plow.
Rather a sword cut dealt by deathless pain He dally paced the city's populous ways, But through his heart a sad and hope

The average American citizen is won-derfully deficient in knowledge of what he can get to eat. He falls down when it comes to ordering a dinner. The great majority of people in this country are brought up frugally at home and do not know anything but the common est dishes. The consequence is that when a man goes into a restaurant for dinner or to a hotel be gazes helplessly at the bill of fare and sees many things 595 Broad St., of which he does not know the cor ponent parts. He dares not order anything that he is not sure of, for fear of ridicule, and he falls back on roast beef and mashed potatoes. The fact is he doesn't know anything but roast

waiter shoves a bill of fare under a will look it over and then say, "Gimme a steak and some fried potatoes." Now, the man who does this, and nearly every one of us does do it day after day. doesn't want roast beet. He is sick unto death of steaks and fried potatoes. He loathes ham and eggs, and yet be keeps on ordering them in dreary and dyspeptic succession, because he doesn't know any better, and he is too prond most of you. - Buffalo Express.

DRAR SIR-I beg to call your attention to the remarkable reply made by the editor of The Broad Arrow in the issue of that paper of Sept. 23 to an inquiry regarding the "Brown regimental wire. gun" (sic), page 401, to wit: "The Brown gun is an American in-

vention, and 'regimental wire gun' is

an Americanism which we take to mean The Brown segmental wire gun is so called because the tube is made of segmental shaped bars of steel spound which the control of the called the control of the called iber and 44 calibers long. Its working pressure is said to be 50,000 pounds per square inch. It could be used as "a gun to accompany a battalion in the field" only by the horse marines. Perhaps the editor of the Broad Arrow had that gallant body in mind.—New-port (R. I.) Cor. London Truth.

The wisest Indian philosophy has never boggled, like ours, over that silly word "supernatural." The Upanishad says, "What is in the visible exists also in the invisible, and what is in Brahm's world is also bere." ultimate, albeit unreachable, is as real to the Asiatic mind as rice, and in the Bhagavad-Gita Arjuna is actually per-mitted to behold the embodied infinite. Indeed it is rather this present existence which India regards as the illusion, the maya. To see the stars we must wait for night, and to live we must die. Nor is it uninteresting to note in Hin-doo classics how those large and happy serenities of oriental view have soften personifications of death.—Sir Edwin

Vanderbilt's Religion. Commodore Vanderbilt was a friend of the late Dr. Deems, and one was about as clerical looking as the other. The two were riding in a Fourth avenue car one day, when two drunken men got in. One of the newcomers swore, and his companion reproved him for such conduct in the presence of a parson. The offender thereupon, turning not to Dr. Deems, but to the old commodore, said, "You think I'm going to hell, don't you?" "No," said the com-modere; "I hope not," and drankard No. 2 said with conviction in reply to a glance of triumph from his friend, "He must be a Universalist."—New

Wealthy Merchant (at an evening party—Gentlemen, we will not allow this festive occasion to pass away, without remembering the poor. In one of my houses there lives a poor clerk whom I shall have to evict tomorrow unless he can pay his arrears of rent by then. Fritz, hand a plate round.—

A cigar smoker, or a cigarette holder or a new or freshly burned clay pipe, in point of safety and cleanliness, is far superior to putting month to weed in smoking, and one's whole mouth and throat should be thoroughly cleaned with water after every smoke.

Hawaii has about 50 miles of railway and 250 miles of telegraph lines, and almost every dwelling and business house in Honolulu has its telephone. The city also has street-railways and is lighted by electricity.

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